

**MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. MEDICAL CENTER
CAMPUS REDEVELOPMENT
SCOPING MEETING COMMENTS**

The following contains all the comments that were received from attendees at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Medical Center Campus Redevelopment scoping meeting held on March 24, 2010. All the comments that were collected were recited verbally to Sapphos Environmental, Inc. and Second District staff. The comments have been grouped according to applicability to the seven topic areas: (1) project description / aesthetics, (2) air quality / greenhouse gases / transportation, (3) cultural resources, (4) geology / hazards and hazardous materials, (5) hydrology and water quality / noise / utilities and service systems, (6) population and housing / public services / recreation, and (7) campus master plan. Where more than one person made the same comment, the number of persons commenting is in parentheses following the comment.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

1. Commenter expressed concern that the security is not sufficient. In addition, the commenter questioned whether the principals of crime prevention through environmental design would be incorporated into the design of the hospital and campus.
2. Commenter suggested that the County demolish the existing Multi-Service Ambulatory Care Center (MACC) because it would be more expensive to keep the building open (due to renovations and seismic upgrades that might be required). The commenter further stated that the existing MACC is unsuitable for use and not patient friendly.

AESTHETICS

1. Commenter expressed concern about the current color of the hospital facility's building materials. Suggested warm colors (i.e., earth tones or pastels), not a "dismal grey color."
2. Commenter suggested better pruning of the trees on the hospital campus.
3. Commenter suggested landscaping with drought-tolerant plants.
4. Commenter suggested that the campus have a community garden with edible plants.
5. Commenter suggested the campus have green space, solar, labyrinth, outdoor, walking circuit, and healing garden.
6. Commenter suggested that lighting be sufficient and attractive. Before closure of the existing MACC emergency functions, lighting was dark and uncomfortable, making it insufficient.
7. Commenter suggested that the campus contain plants that are beautiful and consistent with the plants along Wilmington Avenue.

8. Commenter suggested that the campus maintain the current landscape.

CULTURAL RESOURCES

1. Commenter recommended that the hospital include the incorporation of visual images and pictures that depict the history of the hospital, Martin Luther King, Jr., and Watts. (2)
2. Commenter stated that the existing MACC building is the main visual that comes to mind when one says Martin Luther King, Jr. hospital.
3. Commenter suggested using pictures to show how the hospital looked in the 1960s to the present, to show local pride.
4. Commenter suggested that the campus contain an archive of original construction photos (Kenneth Hahn and community members, history of Willowbrook and Willowbrook School District).
5. Commenter suggested that the existing MACC structure be declared a historical site, dedicated by the County, and renamed. (2)

HAZARDS

1. Commenter expressed concern about the earthquake safety of the hospital buildings and suggested that the hospital include signage assuring earthquake safety.
2. Commenter recommended the use of clean chemicals as a standard operating procedure to ensure worker and patient safety and environmental protection.
3. Commenter recommended the use of environmentally friendly pesticides and personal products.
4. Commenter stated that child care facilities should be safe to use.

NOISE

1. Commenter expressed concern about noise impacts on residents due to traffic, especially north of the campus and on Wilmington Avenue.
2. Commenter expressed concern about the noise related to the use of mechanical equipment at the hospital.
3. Commenter expressed concern about noise from air conditioning units and construction activities.
4. Commenter expressed concern about the noise from the train, freeway, and construction near the campus.

POPULATION AND HOUSING

1. Commenter expressed concern about the project's expanding into local neighborhoods and acquiring or removing local homes.
2. Commenter suggested that the hospital provide support to improve the houses that surround the hospital (i.e., painting, landscape, and making sure that the houses are up to code).

PUBLIC SERVICES

1. Commenter suggested that the hospital include spaces for social services (government social services and nonprofits).
2. Commenter suggested collaboration with Los Angeles County Animal Care services to add animals in the healing process (bringing them to the patients) as well as educating patients about the animals.

RECREATION

1. Commenter stated that the idea of a fitness park was a good idea and suggested that it should be placed in the area now designated as grass currently in front of the hospital.
2. Commenter suggested that a wellness center (similar to YMCA fitness center) be developed on the hospital campus for staff and community that includes after-school child care. (2)
3. Commenter stated that the hospital auditorium be retrofitted to have the capacity to accommodate large meetings for community groups and nonprofits.
4. Commenter recommended that the hospital campus have a walking circuit.
5. Commenter suggested that the campus have meeting rooms for community groups. (2)
6. Commenter suggested that the hospital have a technology center. (2)
7. Commenter suggested that the hospital have a farmers market and artisans market.

UTILITIES AND SERVICE SYSTEMS / HYDROLOGY AND WATER QUALITY

1. Commenter expressed concern about the adequacy of the existing drainage system. (2)
2. Commenter suggested that the County look at ways to use recycled water / grey water.
3. Commenter expressed concern about the hospital's drinking water quality. Suggested the hospital ensure good drinking water quality.

4. Commenter suggested that the hospital look at opportunities to cut down on waste water with water usage, including reusable bottles and cups and eliminating plastic bottles and disposable cups.

GENERAL COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS

1. Commenter requested new artwork at the Rosa Parks Station that reflects the beauty of the cultural diversity and the multigenerational strength that exists in the community And commented that the residents of Willowbrook requested that the current artwork be taken down five years ago because it was offensive to African American residents.
2. Commenter expressed concern that the Spanish community will not feel welcome at Martin Luther King, Jr., stated that the cultural sensitivity and makeup of staff should reflect the changing demographic, and suggested that the County should hire and consult for cultural competency and staff who are required to ensure cultural competency.
3. Commenter suggested making the hospital a zero-waste hospital (from the Environmental Protection Agency point of view).
4. Commenter recommended that the hospital provide a comprehensive women's health center (i.e., health education, reproductive health services, mammograms, pap test, routine women's health care, and self-care education).
5. Commenter suggested that the hospital include a holistic birth center.
6. Commenter suggested child friendly spaces on the hospital and child care.
7. Commenter suggested a teen health center that encompasses all health care, not just a women's center.
8. Commenter stated that signage for Spanish-speaking patients should be easily visible on the campus.
9. Commenter suggested teaching the principles of urban planning in the surrounding high school (i.e., the ULI Urban Plan Program www.uli-la.org).
10. Commenter asked where young men (ages 14 to 15) could go to get a cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) license.